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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ORGANIZING SAMPLES

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DECLARATION

I, Hyesook Kim, being duly sworn, do hereby state that:

1. I am the inventor of the above-captioned application.
2. I am skilled in the art and have worked extensively in the field of organizing samples.
3. Two separate figures are submitted herein entitled *FastFinder* Freezer Spread Sheet and *FastFinder* Rack Spread Sheet. The present invention is distinguishable from the combination of the Glover patent application, and the Beavers, et al., Jacobsen, and MacWilliam, et al. patents. Each freezer has a designated name and individual bar code (see top right Freezer No: F0401MCHT – *FastFinder* Freezer Spread Sheet). A corresponding spreadsheet displays the location of a particular rack in the freezer. For example, row 1, column 1 of the spreadsheet corresponds to row 1, column 1 in the freezer. Thus, the location in the spreadsheet corresponds geometrically to the exact location in the freezer. Contained within that cell in the spreadsheet is another barcode for the rack – R040111, which contains further information about that particular rack. Scanning the barcode for the rack goes to the *FastFinder* Rack Spread Sheet. Within the

rack, boxes are listed according to their location in the rack. Box 1 is listed as being located in rack R040111 at the top of the rack and has a barcode of B11B00001 that will further detail the contents of that box. Not only does each spreadsheet contain geometrically related contents to the freezer, but the barcode allows for easy access to information within a particular position.

The undersigned declares further all statements made herein of his knowledge are true and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful and false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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